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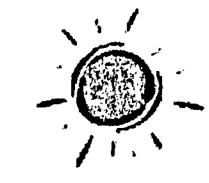
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held Mondays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church Annex.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The third Tuesday of every month a cancer support group is held at Laura Street Baptist Church. Call 582-8874 for more information.

FRIDAY

Preregistration and orientation for transfer students

On the Go with Public Radio Tour "Rome and Florence Holiday"

SATURDAY

GRE Subject tests, 8 a.m., Valk

Football NCAA-Playoffs
Quarterfinals, 12 p.m.
Bearcat Stadium

Newman Center Pancake Study Break, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

Northwest Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater.

WEDNESDAY

Aleta Hubbard, wife of Northwest President Dean Hubbard, will open the Gaunt House to all women on faculty and staff to thank them for their service to the University. The open house takes place from 2 to 4 p.m.

Basic Speech Contest, 7 p.m., Union Ballroom

HEARTLAND VIEW

The new Heartland View Web site is up and running. Check it out at Heartlandview.com

KNWT CHANNEL 8

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE
Monday-Thursday
7 p.m. Etc.
7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest
8 p.m. Bearcat Update
8:30 p.m. Bearcat Idol

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Visit the web for:

To view a slideshow from various recent men's and women's basketball games.

A full Bearcat quartet wrap-up after Saturday's game against Chadron State.

-CAMPUS EVENTS

Dunham 'argues with self'

Tara Adkins
Features Editor

A purple creature from an unmarked island, an elderly party-pooper and a talking jalapeno on a stick come to life through the voice of one man.

Ventriloquist Jeff Dunham will perform his "On a Stick" act 8 p.m., Dec. 5, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"Be sure to leave your brain at the door, because there is definitely no social redeeming qualities in the act whatsoever," Dunham said.

Through the efforts of Student Activities Council, Dunham will visit a college audience who he feels is most receptive to his material.

"Students from across the campus have created a positive buzz about him and I'm expect-

ing a great show," said Sean Gunderson, SAC entertainment chairperson.

After falling in love with a dummy in the toy store window as a child, Dunham had no other aspirations to do anything else but ventriloquism.

Dunham bases his material on the comedy that is derived from everyday life while making room for ad-libs on stage.

"Comedy draws on your own life. I try to take what I've learned and mold it into something for onstage," Dunham said.

Peanut, the purple creature from the Micronesian islands, is the only character Dunham set out to make a success on as his comedic sidekick. Walter, the cranky old man, was developed accidentally through a group of grumpy men Dunham had met while in college, while Jose

Jalapeno was only meant to last a few minutes one act but caught on.

"I've traveled several places and the people don't come for me, they come for the characters," Dunham said.

Dunham has appeared on several shows including the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson and Jay Leno and the "Late Show" with David Letterman. However, he claims his landmark achievement is his Comedy Central special "Arguing with Myself" and DVD release.

"If you're in every Wal-Mart in America, there's something to be said about that," Dunham said.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students with a Bearcat card and \$10 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at Student Services Center or by calling 562-1212.



photo courtesy of university relations

VENTRILIOQUIST JEFF Dunham will perform 8 p.m., Dec. 5, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. His puppets include a purple creature named Peanut, a grumpy old man named Walter and Jose the Jalapeno.

-CAMPUS EVENTS

CAT SCRATCH FEVER

The famous Broadway show claws its way to campus

Andrea James
Missourian Reporter

The musical "Cats" brought nearly 1,000 people to Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Tuesday.

"Cats" is based on "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" by T.S. Eliot. Andrew Lloyd Webber and director Trevor Nunn set the collection of poems to music in 1977, according to Reallyuseful.com, the official Web site of "Cats" and other Webber productions.

Gilford, Mo., resident Julie Farnan has always wanted to see "Cats." She liked what she saw and was very satisfied with the performance.

"I loved the character Grizabella. Her singing was so beautiful," Farnan said.

Diane Hicks from Tarkio, Mo., also enjoyed the musical. She liked the way the characters were so involved in the performance.

"I thought it was amazing. It was so intriguing. It really didn't seem like the first half was an hour long," Hicks said.

"Cats" opened Oct. 7, 1982, on Broadway in New York City at the Winter Garden Theatre. During its run on Broadway, the musical won several awards that include

seven Tony awards in 1983 and awards from France, Canada and Japan. "Cats" became the longest running musical on Broadway on June 19, 1997, and closed Sept. 10, 2000, according to the "Cats" Web site.

The musical is about the Jellicle Cats and their way of life. Once a year the cats wait for the Jellicle ball, where the head cat picks someone to be reborn.

Production stage manager Kelly Biscopink believes the production went well.

"There was a really fun audience here. They responded well to everything," Biscopink said.

Biscopink joined the staff of "Cats" about a month ago. Her job is to make sure the show stays consistent from night to night. She also works with the cast and helps manage them.

"When you're on tour you are pretty much living with your co-workers. You have to learn to become friends and family," Biscopink said.

The "Cats" tour ends July 1, 2007. Their next scheduled performance is in Mason City, Iowa.

-UNIVERSITY NEWS

Faculty use student surveys to improve teaching methods

By Evan Young
University Editor

At some point before the fall trimester comes to a close, Northwest students will put pencil to Scantron in each of their classes—though this time, they aren't the ones being tested.

Every trimester, the University gives students the opportunity to evaluate all their teachers and courses through the use of confidential, customized surveys.

The primary purpose of the surveys is to provide faculty and their departments with student input, so both groups can determine if and to what extent they need to change their teaching strategies or curriculums.

Once the results are processed, there are a few ways faculty and Northwest as a whole can use them, said Dave

Oehler, office of assessment, information and analysis director and interim chair of the communication, theatre and languages department.

First, when faculty members apply for tenure and/or promotion, they are required to submit survey results from the previous two years, Oehler said.

As soon as instructors receive feedback, they can also meet with department chairs to discuss any results they find concerning or simply don't understand. Oehler said most problems are solved between the instructor and the department chair, and rarely involve consulting the college dean or University provost.

"Faculty are the first to see the results, though they don't

see FACULTY on A6

How Northwest uses results from students' faculty evaluations

When they apply for tenure and/or promotion, faculty members are required to submit student survey results from the previous two years.

Faculty members with department chairs to discuss areas of interest in the survey results. Sometimes, they will conduct surveys with students to get more information about teaching methods.

Faculty can submit results to their college's dean so the data can be used to evaluate teaching methods in particular.

—OUR VIEW

Generosity: A tradition to keep

Lines wrapped around entire department stores, rudeness and an overabundance of spending last weekend serve as deplorable reminders of what the holidays have become.

This time of year transformed into something we should be embarrassed of. Christmas should be about giving and being in the good company of friends and family.

Sometimes we even tell ourselves this year is going to be different; this is the year we are going to help our family return to the true meaning of the season. So we make a few homemade gifts and we donate to a charity of our choice, but undoubtedly when the next year rolls around, most of us again get caught up in spending and receiving.

This year, keep in mind that no matter how much money you don't have or what gift you can't find, things could always be worse. If you and your loved ones are in good health with a roof over your head and food to eat, things really aren't that bad.

There are some people in Maryville who have toilet paper on their Christmas list. That's right, *toilet paper*. Not the new PlayStation 3 or a leather coat. Some residents lack basic necessities that we take for granted daily.

Take this time to give back. Donate clothing and gift items to the Ministry Center. Drop off food items at America's Second Harvest in St. Joseph to ensure children don't endure Christmas with empty bellies. Adopt a Maryville family if you can, because it's not just children who aren't getting anything this holiday.

As for your family, tell them you love them. Make them something from the heart like a CD with a description of why each song is on there. Frame a nice picture of you and someone you love. Know a couple with children? Give them the gift of a night of free baby sitting so they can spend time with each other.

The best presents are usually the simplest. It doesn't take much to let someone know you care.

Sing holiday songs, sip eggnog and bask in the company of those around you. Give thanks for having what you need and keep in mind you don't always need what you want.

And next year make being grateful and generous two new holiday traditions you vow to keep.

—LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Even after the vote, why can't we get past the rhetoric and have an honest debate about stem cell research? Mr. Fred Rohs' Nov. 16 letter to the editor is correct that a previous *Missourian* column in favor of Amendment 2 contained errors and dismissed opposition too casually. But Mr. Rohs too has issues with the facts. He asserts that "Amendment 2 (section 7) prohibits women suing the researchers for harm from the harvesting of their eggs," and "sets ESCR above Missouri law allowing no regulation." You'd know that, "he writes," if you read the whole amendment."

But Section 7, which he cites, reads in its entirety:

The provisions of this section and of all state and local laws, regulations, rules, charters, ordinances, and other governmental actions shall be construed in favor of the conduct of stem cell research and the provision of stem cell therapies and cures. No state or local law, regulation, rule, charter, ordinance, or other governmental action shall (i) prevent, restrict, obstruct, or discourage any stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures that are permitted by this section to be conducted or provided, or (ii) create disincentives for any person to engage in or otherwise associate with such research or therapies and cures.

There is no ban on lawsuits—not stated, not implied. Not in Section 7 or anywhere else. I suppose suing a doctor for malpractice could be considered a "disincentive" to engage in research—the same way suing a drunk driver creates a disincentive for people

to drive, or arresting murderers creates a disincentive to own guns. But that's an enormous stretch and impossible to take seriously.

As for "allowing no regulation," Section 2, subsection 6 limits ESCR to persons who have:

(a) provided oversight responsibility and approval authority for such research to an embryonic stem cell research oversight committee whose membership includes representatives of the public and medical and scientific experts;

(b) adopted ethical standards for such research that comply with the requirements of this section; and

(c) obtained a determination from an Institutional Review Board that the research complies with all applicable federal statutes and regulations that the Institutional Review Board is responsible for administering.

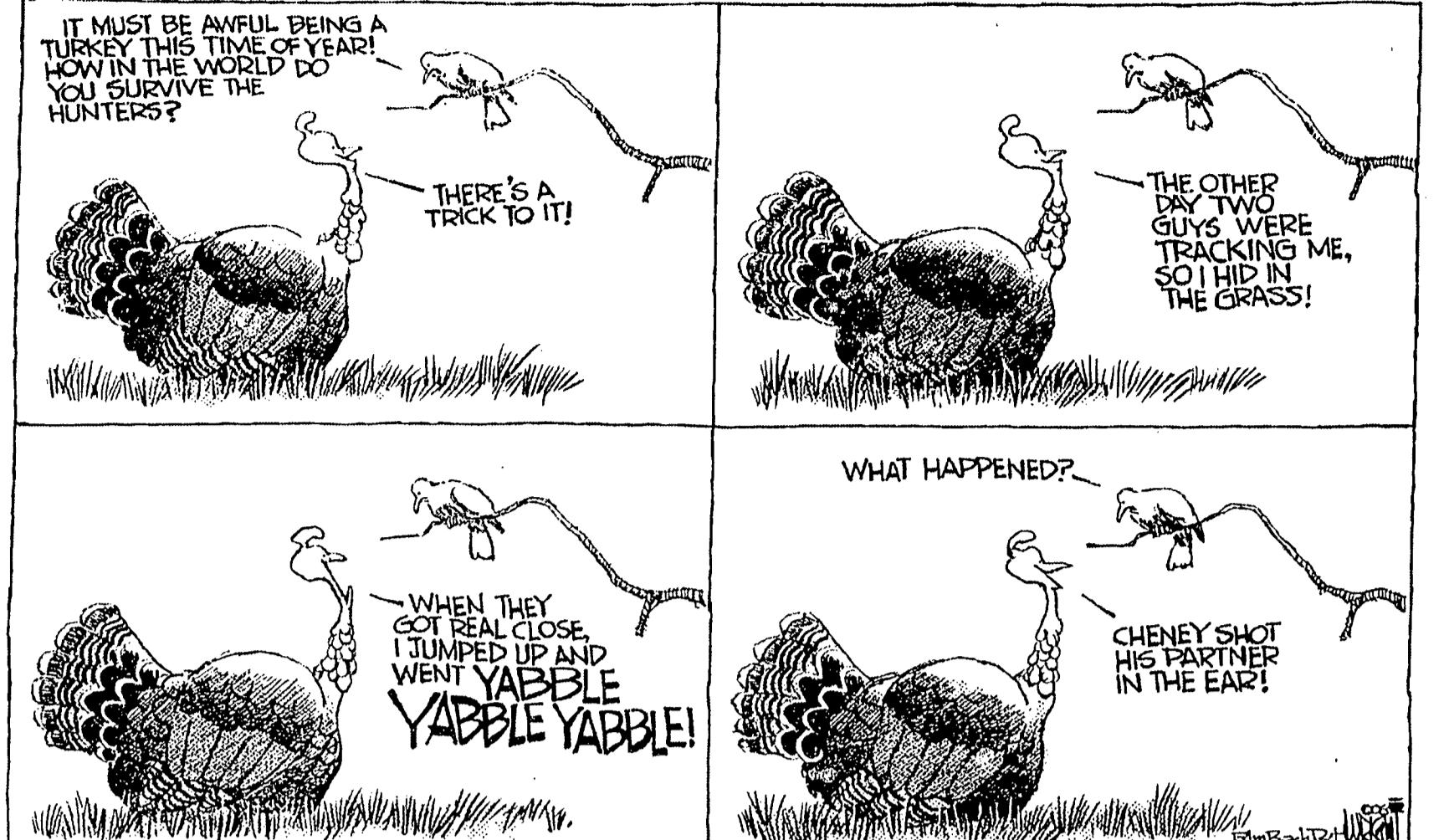
Subsection 7 imposes criminal penalties, including up to 15 years in prison, for noncompliance.

The amendment does prohibit new laws restricting or cutting off funds for ESCR, but "no regulation?" No other medical research in Missouri is so carefully regulated.

There are serious ethical issues surrounding Amendment 2, and I applaud Mr. Rohs for raising them.

And, yes, the full text of Amendment 2 is complicated, which has led to confusion regarding its meaning. That's a fair criticism, but it's not license to make stuff up.

—Daniel E. Smith,
Assistant Professor of Political Science



—COLUMN

Black Friday favorite reporter holiday



Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

It's the one day out of the year I can bring out my competitive edge and shop like a mad woman.

Since we were 12 my best friend and I have partaken in the Black Friday madness.

My mother initiated me by shoving me in to a crowd of people to capture a gift she thought would be perfect for someone.

I don't remember what it was or what it was for, but I remember the mission was accomplished.

Since then Black Friday remains one of my favorite days of the year and circled in bright red on the calendar.

I will be the first admit it is hard coming out of a turkey-induced

comatose at 3 a.m., but it is worth it. It's the one day of the year I can get some good deals and ease my way in to that holiday spirit.

This year, after getting ready and stopping for some much-needed coffee we were in line by 4:30 a.m. at a department store that was handing out free gift cards to the first 200 people.

We were 92 and 93

in line.

As the day progressed we found ourselves waiting in a 35 to 40 minute line to check out in one store. Our shopping had to be put on hold for a little bit because of traffic. It was the time of the morning where those who had to work were trying to get there, and shoppers were on

their way to hit the next big sale.

Every year by 1 p.m. our tiredness catches up with us, and walking back to the car is almost unbearable, but on the way home we start planning for next year's Black Friday.

I can understand why people think I'm crazy for getting up so early on a day I could just as easily sleep in and avoid being caught amongst a huge crowd. The truth is, it's one of my favorite days of the year. I have always enjoyed shopping, but one could say this is the Super Bowl of shopping.

It is fun to watch people strategize while waiting in line for doors to open. I have also met some really cool people while in line before even seeing what it's really like. I think everyone should experience it at least once. Not only do you get some pretty good deals, it's a chance to experience something new and exciting.

However, there are people who take this day too far.

Every once in a while there are reports about something going terribly wrong while people are out on the day. Sometimes people let their rage take over in desperate attempts to get their loved ones the item on top of their list.

Even though I have never seen anything horrendous occur on Friday, someone told me they know someone who got trampled while on their way to a store. They were then taken to a hospital for a broken arm.

Most people who aren't shopping enthusiasts let Black Friday come and go without ever seeing what it's really like. I think everyone should experience it at least once. Not only do you get some pretty good deals, it's a chance to experience something new and exciting.

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DIAGNOSIS: Health providers say Tuberculosis not imminent threat

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and only five cases of TB have been reported in Missouri the past two years, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

TB is characterized by flu-like symptoms but is distinguished by coughing up blood or phlegm from deep inside the lungs, weight loss, loss of appetite and chest pains, according to the CDC.

Treatment consists of taking medication for a period of time depending on how many places the bacteria is present. The treatment will help terminate active bacteria, allowing the person to come out of isolation.

A vaccine called BCG helps prevent TB but does not have lasting protection and is mainly used in underdeveloped countries to help protect the most susceptible groups such as children and the elderly, Murr said.

If someone is feeling sick for a long period of time and is not able to get better on their own by resting and living a healthy lifestyle, they should see a physician because it could be a sign of a threatening disease such as TB, Murr said.

"The best thing people can do is to take care of themselves," Murr said.

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Winning travel vouchers, luggage and other travel accessories.

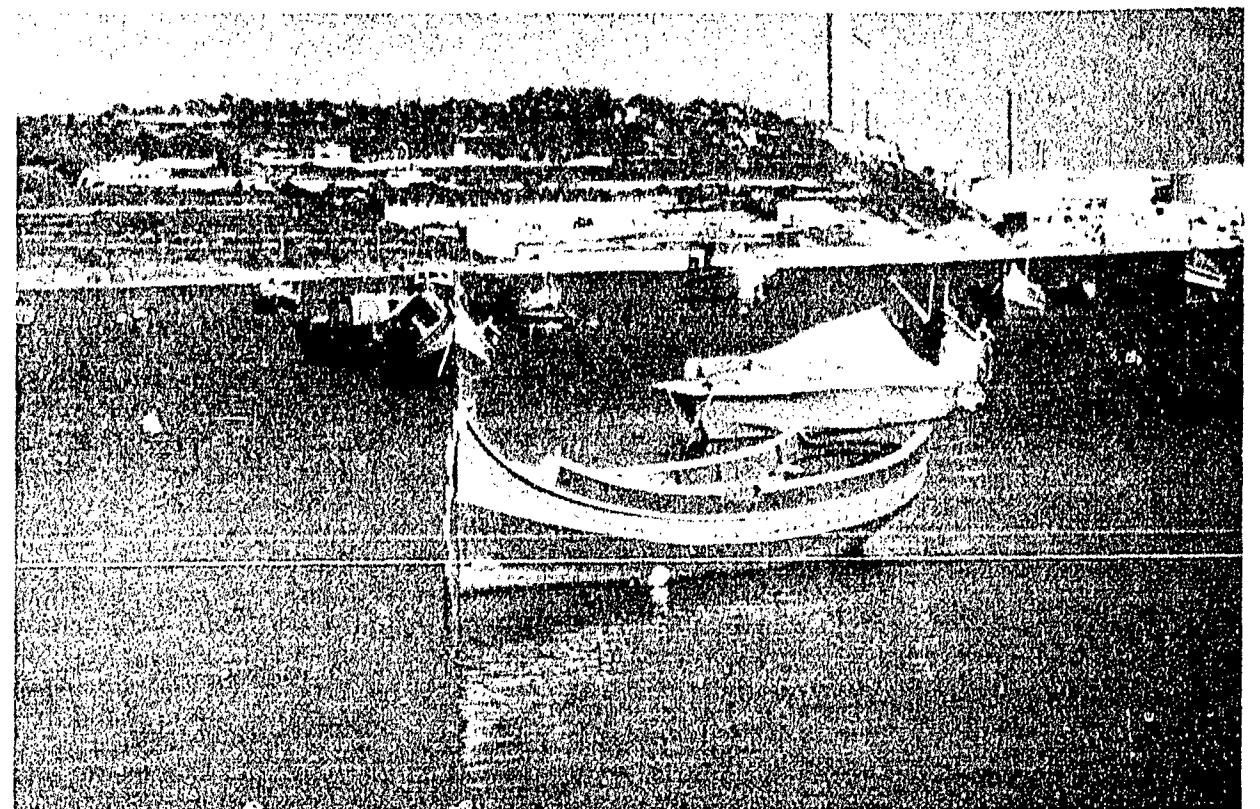


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FACULTY: Surveys offer student input regarding courses

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get them back until after they issue grades," Oehler said. "Some faculty will survey their students independently midterm to get more feedback if there's something about the other survey they don't understand."

Furthermore, faculty report the results of the first four survey questions to the deans of their college, so a set of University-wide general education data can be compiled to analyze long-term trends related to student/faculty satisfaction.

The surveys contain two sections. The first is a multiple-choice questionnaire to which students respond on a Scantont card. Next, they can use the back of the card to jot down any comments or concerns regarding instructors or the courses in general.

Teachers cannot be present in the classroom while students fill out the survey, and are not allowed to deliver completed evaluations to the department office. However, Oehler said each department has its own policy when it comes to distributing and moderating the process.

"It's important to emphasize the confidential nature of the survey. But there's no hard and fast rule that they have to do it one way," he said.

The survey questions are tailored specifically for each department on campus, Oehler said. However, the first four ques-

tions on the survey are the same regardless of the teacher or department. Those questions ask whether the instructor has made clear the goals of the course, helped students achieve those goals, provided students frequent feedback on their performance in class and was responsive to requests for help.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said the current faculty evaluation method, used at the University in the late 1980s, is an effective process for measuring the institution's quality of instruction.

"We hope that students are being honest so we can take the results and look at them effectively," he said.

"With any set of data, there can be a wide range. The question is what to do with the outliers. Are there enough to do something, or are most people satisfied?"

Max Fridell, assistant professor of educational leadership, chaired a subcommittee last year that investigated the faculty evaluation process as a whole, but also focused on the questionnaire's fourth item, which pertains to how responsive faculty are to student requests for help.

In addition, the committee worked to tailor the survey to students taking online courses, he said.

As an educator, Fridell said the most significant benefit the surveys offer is the immediate feedback for faculty, which in turn benefits their students.

"Ideally, they allow students to know their voices have immediate impact."

Hubbard said methods of evaluation like President Bush's "No Child Left Behind Act," which holds educators accountable should they fail while trying something new with their students, send a bad message.

"It's embarrassing to teachers because

it's predicated on the misconception that they are lazy," Hubbard said. "I believe the vast majority of people here want this to be a winning experience."

"We can't improve if there is no measurement system, but we won't improve if it's a 'gotcha' system."

Oehler said Northwest takes student input seriously, and expects students do the same when filling out their surveys.

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"It's embarrassing to teachers because

it's predicated on the misconception that they are lazy," Hubbard said. "I believe the vast majority of people here want this to be a winning experience."

"We can't improve if there is no measurement system, but we won't improve if it's a 'gotcha' system."

Oehler said Northwest takes student input seriously, and expects students do the same when filling out their surveys.

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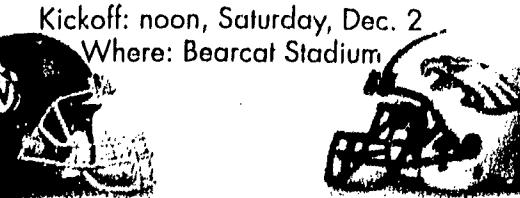
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-NW FOOTBALL

Challenge ahead for defense

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

No challenge has been too tall for the Northwest defense during the regular season nor during Northwest's 27-0 second-round playoff victory over Midwestern State last Saturday.

Chadron State running back Danny Woodhead may only stand 5' 9" tall, but he brings giant-like numbers to Saturday's quarterfinal date against Northwest (12-0) in the Division II playoffs.

"He's (Woodhead) by far the fastest back we've seen," Northwest coach Mel

Tjeerdema said. "He's a great player." Woodhead became the single season rushing leader in all divisions after rushing for 252 yards and four touchdowns last week against West Texas A&M. He now stands with 2,740 yards and 34 touchdowns.

"I've had a lot of good offensive linemen," Woodhead said. "They just give me a lot of good opportunities to make some yards."

Cornerback Diezeas Calbert admits Woodhead will be a tough challenge for the 11th ranked rush defense in the nation.

"He's quick and fast; he's a little

small, but he's going to give us a real good challenge," Calbert said. "Probably the best challenge that we've had at the running back position."

One of the advantages of Woodhead's 5' 9" frame is it allows him to be more deceptive behind the line of scrimmage.

"He does a good job of that...slaying

behind his offensive line," Tjeerdema said. "Because of his quickness, he can make some quick cut and go. He gets a lot of yards on cutback stuff."

Woodhead said he isn't overlooking a Northwest defense, that hasn't

allowed a 100-yard rusher all season.

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Like father, like son

left photo: Northwest sports information department right photo: Kelli White / photography editor



THE APPLE doesn't fall very far from the tree for the Mathews family. On the left, former Northwest quarterback Kirk Mathews gets ready to pass during a game in 1978. On the right his son, and current Bearcat quarterback Josh looks around the field during a game this season at home.

Younger Mathews following in father's football footsteps

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

It's been 29 years since Northwest and Chadron State have played each other.

However, after 29 years, the name at quarterback for Northwest hasn't changed.

Kirk Mathews suited up nearly three decades ago on Sept. 3, 1977, and led Northwest in a come from behind victory over Chadron State.

And now his only son, Josh, will take the field and hope to lead the Bearcats past the Eagles and into the semifinals.

To Kirk it might seem like he's watching history repeat itself. Josh went to the same high school as his father, played for the same coach, went to the same college and plays the same position his father played.

"The whole experience has just been really for my wife and I," said Kirk, who met and proposed to his wife, Jane, at Northwest. "There's no question about it, going out on the field after the games, the same location, the same place...we're really, really blessed."

A lot different

Kirk came to Northwest from St. Louis, where he graduated from Lafayette High School.

He started all four years at quarterback and was near the top in passing records.

the Philadelphia Phillies and who was recently named this past season's National League MVP.

In football, Lafayette is in Class 6—the biggest class in Missouri. For Josh it was a huge jump for a kid who had gone to smaller schools all his life and was even homeschooled.

"That was a huge culture shock for me," Josh said. "It was a big change where it was the kind of thing that my folks and I always said you're a big fish in a small pond (at the private schools) but let's go where you could potentially be a big fish in a big pond. Raising the competition level basically and obviously looking to play football."

Josh blossomed as a three-sport athlete—football, basketball and baseball—and lettered in each sport every year. He started at quarterback his last three years of high school and played under the same coach as his father—Mick Picataggio, who now serves as an assistant at Clayton High School. Picataggio came to Lafayette during Kirk's junior season of high school.

Josh earned all-conference honors in all three sports and was recognized as an all-metro selection in football.

"I had a pretty successful high school career," Josh said.

The only way to play

Josh went through private schools most of his life so when he went to a public school to start high school, it was a culture shock. However, it was probably the only way Josh was going to play football.

"That was obviously a big turn-off," Josh said.

The Mathews' moved into another district so Josh would be able to go to Lafayette High School—his father's alma mater.

Lafayette, a bigger school, produced former Northwest cornerback Tony Glover who is currently the secondary coach at Northwest. On a national stage one of Lafayette's most famous alumnus is Ryan Howard of

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-NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



NORTHWEST FORWARD Lauren Williams takes a shot during Tuesday's game against William Penn.

Women dominate

Cali Arnold
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northwest women's basketball team forced William Penn to prove a 19-0 run is hard to come back from.

Northwest used the run, along with a 14-2 run to start the game, to defeat the Lady Statesmen 79-51 Tuesday in Bearcat Arena.

Junior guard Kelli Nelson made five of 11 three-point baskets on her way to 19 points to lead the team. She said rebounding was the key to the team's 19-0 run between the first and second halves.

"We knew once we got our defense going our offense would come," Nelson said.

Nelson and the team were correct, with three players in double figures and two with 10+ points apiece. The 'Cats also forced the Lady Statesmen to commit 22 turnovers while they only managed nine assists.

Even with the runs, Northwest did allow William Penn to within seven points

-OFF THE FIELD

Staff adjusts to playoffs

Scott Levine
Missourian Reporter

Northwest football fans should expect a different atmosphere during playoffs at Bearcat Stadium.

The school hosts every game except for the national championship, but the NCAA tries to make the guests feel as comfortable as possible.

The NCAA requires the host school to accommodate the visiting side better than in the regular season. This rule forces Northwest to allot band time for the other teams, not have banners and have different officials -- among other aspects.

Northwest Athletic Director Bob Boerigter said hosting playoff games is supposed to be conducted unbiasedly.

"This is supposed to be a neutral environment and is a courtesy for the road teams," Boerigter said. "It is a privilege to be able to host an event like this, and I don't think it has any effect on the teams playing."

Seating is changed for students regularly watching from the "Greenhouse," Boerigter added. NCAA requires the host team to provide seating directly behind the visitors' bench and be in the lowest 35 rows.

Also, the bands are seated out-

side the 25-yard line and cannot play during the 25-second play clock.

In addition, Boerigter said there are differences how the public address announcer must call the game.

"The PA guy can't give the traditional, 'good enough for a Bearcat first down,' because he must be neutral," Boerigter said. "The cheerleaders will have to lead that chant now, but I'm sure it will work."

Along with other minor changes, the media is affected by different playback rules.

The media is not allowed to talk to anyone on the teams until there is a 10-minute cooling off period, according to the NCAA. Coaches are not allowed to talk after the game until the media room is open 10 minutes post-game.

For Sports Information and Media Relations Director Chad Waller, this can be a stressful time of year.

"It's much different with hosting an event like this," Waller said. "There are more national media outlets wanting access to the game and my job is really to be a liaison. I try to communicate as well as I can, so everything is taken care of."

In order for television rights, media outlets must sign a contract and pay a small fee Waller said.

DEFENSE: 'Cats face Chadron State in playoffs

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Chadron State's rush defense is equally formidable, giving up 65.8 yards per game--good for third in the nation.

"They probably get to the football better than any team we've played this year," Tjeerdtsma said.

Northwest quarterback Josh Mathews threw for 336 yards

against Midwestern State, but said that Chadron's pass defense possesses interesting characteristics.

"They're definitely not the most athletic defense we've faced," Mathews said. "They're very sound in what they do, they don't get beat deep very often and they're very big-play conscious."

"We've got to come down there and play our best game," O'Boyle said. "It's going to be a matter of us putting our best game plan together and our kids playing lights out."

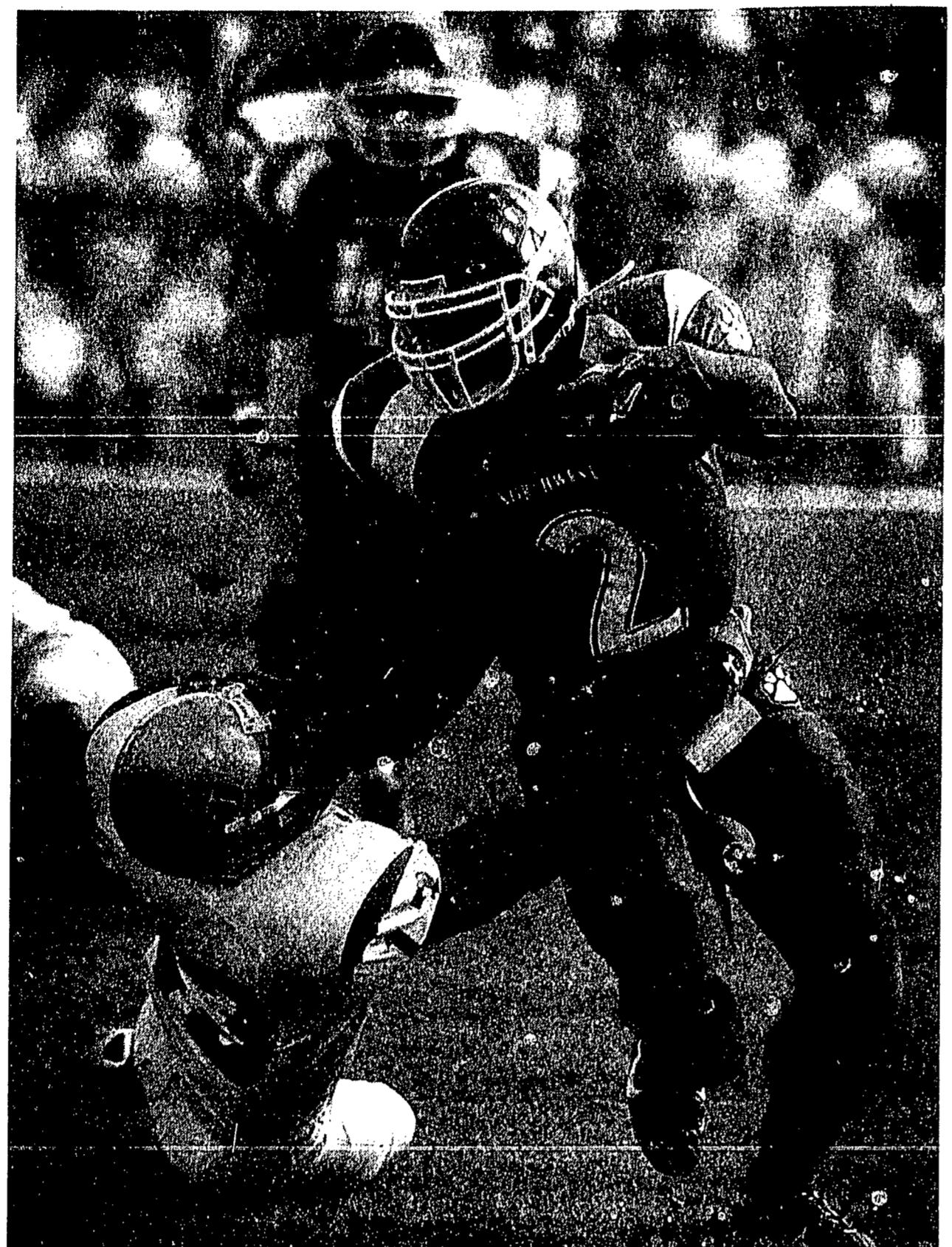
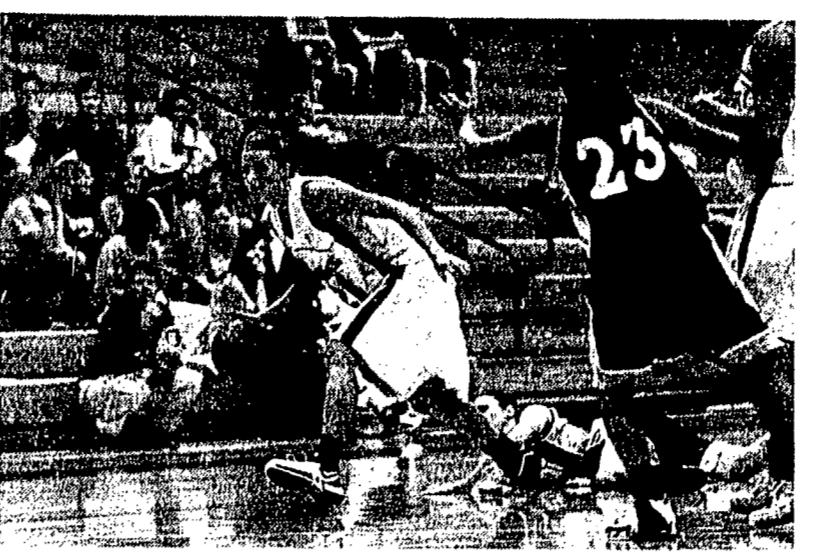
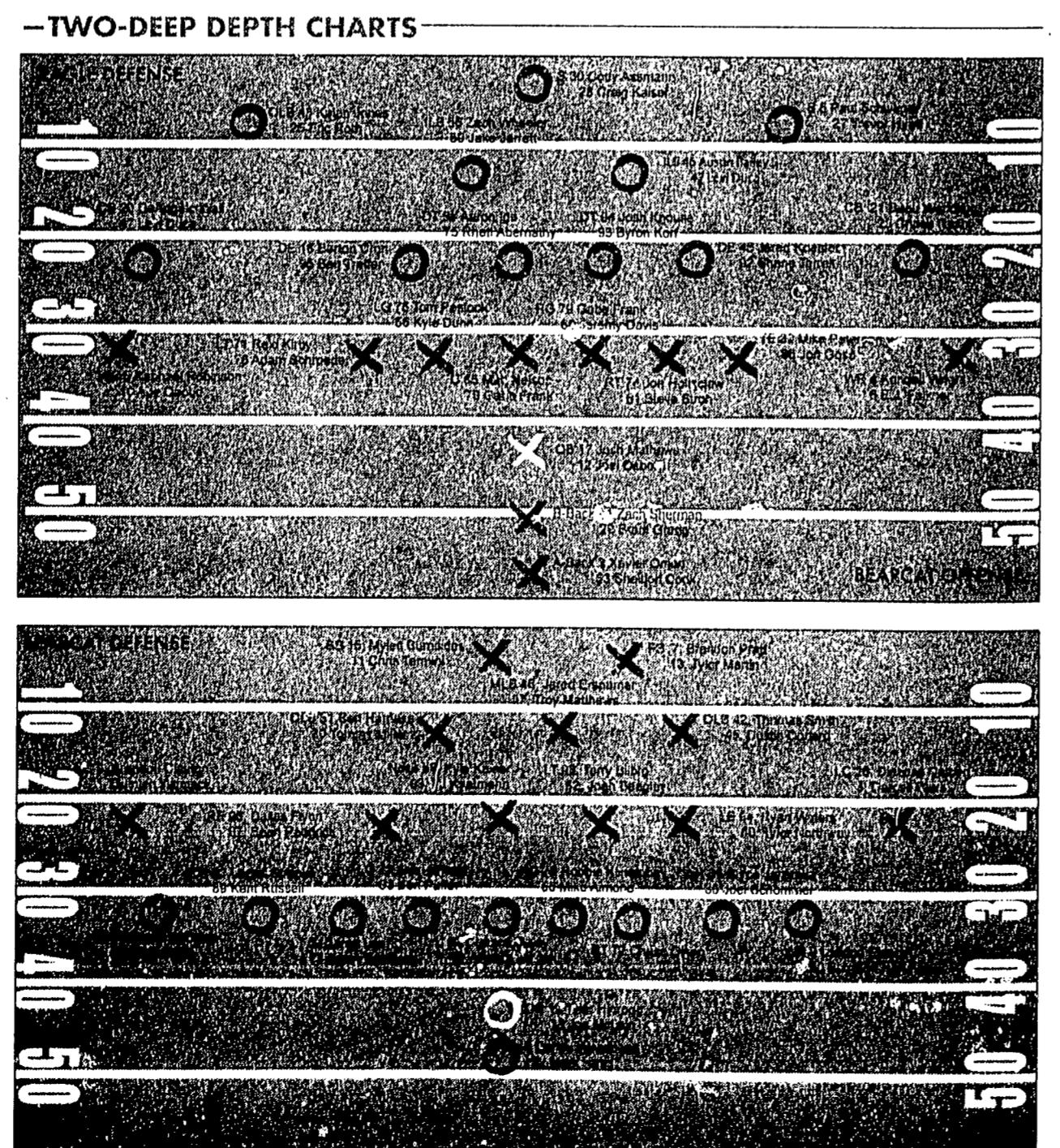


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RUNNING BACK Xavier Omon stiff arms Midwestern State safety Desmond Sherrer for a six yard gain in the first quarter of Saturday's 27-0 playoff win. Omon came back to rush for 100 yards on 27 carries after a month-long absence because of a rib injury.



Big wins equal big bucks

Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter



NORTHWEST'S MEGHAN Brue tries moving around a William Penn defender as she makes her way to the basket Tuesday night at Bearcat Arena. The women's basketball team defeated William Penn 79-51.

WOMEN: Squad pulls away

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With only two games left to play before MIAA play begins, Nelson said the team has some improvements to make on both sides of the ball.

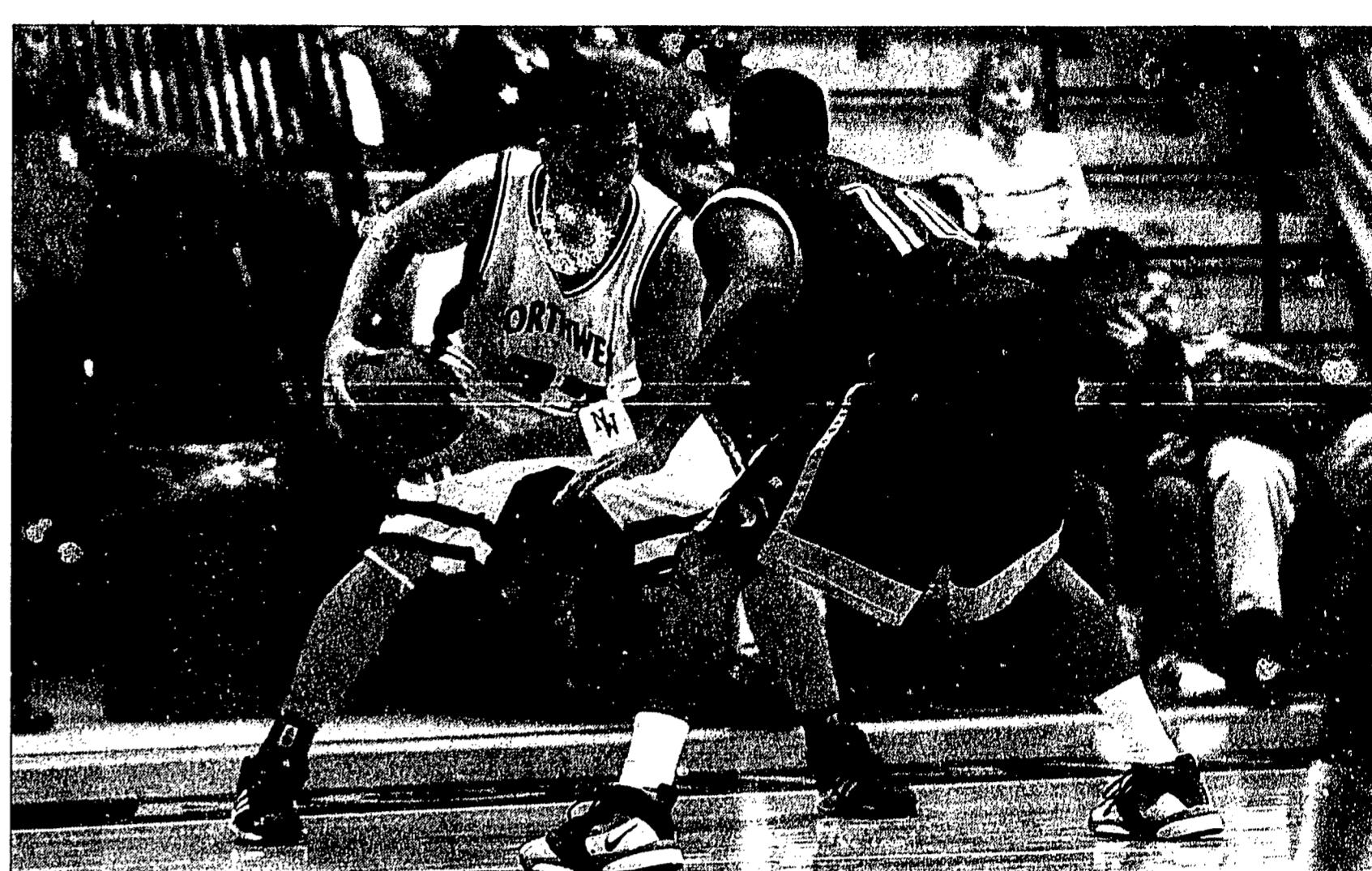
"We really need to focus and work on the little things that mean the most, on offense and defense," Nelson said.

The team now faces an even

smaller roster after senior Erin Lohrha left the team prior to Thanksgiving break.

Lohrha averaged 6.2 minutes while playing in 20 games last season.

The 'Cats host Montana State-Billings at 7 p.m., Thursday, in Bearcat Arena, and St. Mary's at 5:30 p.m., Monday, before starting conference play at Southwest Baptist, Dec. 9.



NORTHWEST'S ANDY Peterson stares down a defender in a recent game. Peterson sprained his MCL a week ago and will be out most likely for two weeks. The men's basketball team sits to 4-1 after they split a Thanksgiving weekend trip in South Dakota.

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lost to eventual national champion Winona State.

On Friday, junior guard Dillon Higdon led the way with a career-high 28 points with 6-of-10 shooting from beyond the arc. Three other Bearcats scored double digits with Kelvin Carty, Reggie Robinson and Sullivan, scoring 12, 11 and 10 points, respectively.

However, Higdon was the big story as the Division I transfer from Idaho University comes

off a season he sat out due to an arm injury.

Tappmeyer wasn't surprised with Higdon's performance, saying Higdon is the type of player who plays off of confidence and momentum.

"I don't really think it's a fluke," Tappmeyer said. "I know it's there. He just has confidence shaken...he just had really good confidence (Friday)."

Once again Saturday four Northwest players scored in double-digit figures, but this time it wasn't enough. University of Mary led as many as 18 points in the second half, held off

a late Northwest rally to win 65-57.

The Bearcats shot just 25.9 percent for the game and each Higdon and Robinson went 0-for-7.

"You always worry about coming out flat the next day after a big win—and we did that," Tappmeyer said.

Northwest falls to 4-1 on the season and remained idle for the past week. They host Principia (Ill.) at 7 p.m., Saturday at Bearcat Arena and will play St. Mary (Kan.) at 7:30 p.m., Monday.

Double dose for Bearcats

The Northwest men's basketball and football teams will host home games on Saturday, and a variety of activities are scheduled around each.

Bearcat Stadium will host the quarterfinal round of division II football, with Northwest taking on Chadron State at noon.

Fans can gather at the Bearcat Zone, west of the football stadium, at 10 a.m. Saturday for live entertainment, performances by the Northwest cheerleaders, Steppers and Bearcat Marching Band.

A catered meal will also be available for \$5 per person.

The men's basketball game against Principia (Ill.) is set for 7 p.m. in Bearcat Arena.

Prior to tip-off fans can meet at Carson's Sports Bar and Grill, located on the west side of the square in Maryville, for a Bearcat Rally.

A ticket stub from the football game or an Alumni Association Membership Card will result in 10 percent off the total ticket at Carson's.

Free admission to the basketball game will be permitted to anyone with a ticket stub from the Chadron State football game.

Performances from the Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders will take place during timeouts.

Free autographed posters will be handed out, and official cheerleader calendars will be available to purchase.

Out of the six, offensive lineman Reid Kirby, wide receiver Kendall Wright (67) and receiving yards (998).

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Joining Wright on the second team is running back Xavier Omon. Omon leads the team in rushing yards (1082).

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